

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, November 8, 1985

PRESENT:

C. Bertrand, Chairperson; D. Dicks; G. Valaskakis; P. Albert; F. Shlosser; T. Arbuckle-Maag; V.V. Baba; M. Barlow; A. Broes; D. Brown; W. Byers; A. Costanzo; R. Cronin; L. Crysler; M. Doughty; W. Gilsdorf; K. Herrmann; J. Hill; W. Knitter; J. Locke; D. Markiewicz; D. McDougall; H. McQueen; G. Newsham; M. Oppenheim; R. Pallen; B. Petrie; B. Sahni; W. Sellers; D. Shapiro; R. Sharma; H. Shulman; L. Van Toch; K. Waters; C. Foster; D. Goldsmith; K. Goral; L. Gray; J. Housez; D. Kahane; D. Konig; Y. Lifshitz; D. Lindsay; J. Stosik; S. Van Breevoort; N. Wallace.

Guest: P. Wallace (Science College).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

85-9-1 The agenda was approved (Gray/Knitter).

CLOSED SESSION

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OPEN SESSION

4. Chairperson's Remarks

The Chairperson pointed out that juice as well as coffee

had been requested by some members and that he had been persuaded to make the change through the hard work of I. Dudeck and M. Osborne.

5. Questions and Announcements

A student representative announced that the Students' Association, last week, declared Wednesday, November 13 to be a Day of Solidarity for the South African Blacks, that there would be a boycott of all classes and a march would take place to the South African Consulate in support of the movement to divest Concordia funds in the Bank of Montreal.

One faculty member, who meets with one class only on Wednesdays, stated that if there is to be a boycott, sufficient time should be allowed before classes are cancelled in order to give faculty members time to compensate for the lost lecture time.

It was reported that one of the Arts and Science representatives on the Board of Graduate Studies has not attended any meetings because of class conflict, and that the Dean of Graduate Studies suggested that a replacement be elected. Vice-Dean Dicks was asked to investigate the situation. At the same time, notice of the possibility of an election was given and members were invited to submit nominations.

Question were asked about the status of Russian C300.3. Students were assured that the course is being given and that no student would fail to graduate this year because the course was not offered.

6. Elections

Steering Committee's nominations were accepted (ASFC-85-9-D7).

a) Faculty Appeal Committee (Regulations regarding academic re-evaluation)

85-9-3

Prof. Costanzo nominated Profs. C. Fonda and H. Famira for the Faculty Appeal Committee. The nominations were seconded by Profs. Broes and Pallen.

An election for two positions was run between Profs. M. Farrell (Education), A. Lallier (Economics), K. Herrmann (Poli. Science), H. Famira (MLL), and C. Fonda (MLL). Prof. Farrell was elected to the position of "member" and Prof. Lallier was elected "alternate".

Four students were elected to the panel: Pierre Paré and Deborah Konig as "members" and Lorne Gray and Karin-Ann Goral as the "alternates".

b) Faculty Panel (Regulations regarding Cheating)

85-9-4 Prof. Costanzo nominated Prof. C. Fonda (MLL) and H. Famira (MLL) for the Faculty Panel.

An election run between J. Macaluso (MLL), B. Petrie (Socio/Anthro), G. Newsham (TESL), C. Fonda (MLL) and H. Famira (MLL). Profs. B. Petrie and G. Newsham were declared elected.

Six students were nominated to the Panel: Pierre Paré, Deborah Konig, Johanna Stosik, Yael Lifshitz, Marie Buffone, and Saskia Van Breevoort. All were elected by acclamation.

c) Faculty Council

Three new student representatives to Council were named: Marie Buffone, Janis Housez and Don Lindsay.

d) Curriculum Committee

85-9-5 Mr. Wallace nominated three student representatives to the Curriculum Committee: Janis Housez, Don Lindsay and David Goldsmith. All were elected by acclamation.

e) Faculty Honours Committee

85-9-6 Mr. Wallace nominated Harris Breslow to the Faculty Honours Committee. He was declared elected.

f) Student Request Committee

85-9-7 Mr. Goldsmith nominated Nicholas Wallace to the Student Request Committee. He was declared elected.

g) Steering Committee

85-9-8

Ms. Konig announced her resignation from Steering Committee because of a heavy work commitment. She nominated Lorne Gray as her replacement. He was declared elected by acclamation.

7. Curriculum Committee Reports

a) Graduate Curriculum Changes 1986-87 - Report 50G (ASFC 85-9-D1)

Vice-Dean Dicks reported that most of the changes proposed are of a housekeeping nature. He asked to have a correction made on page 4 under "Rationale": to insert the course EDUC in front of the number 498. He drew the attention of Council to the changes in the Diploma in Community Policies and the Law which came about because of the appraisal that was carried out earlier. He added that there are no financial implications connected with the changes.

85-9-9

It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Broes) to approve the Graduate Curriculum Changes (ASFC 85-9-D1).

It was asked if language requirements for the MA in History should not include the need for proficiency in English, particularly for students writing theses in French. It was agreed that the entry should reflect a requirement for proficiency in two languages and that the text might be re-phrased to indicate that need.

The motion to approve and adopt Report 50G was voted on and carried.

b) Undergraduate Curriculum Course Changes - 1986-87, Addendum II to Report 49U - Science College (ASFC 85-9-D2)

85-9-10

It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Shlosser) to approve Report 49U - Science College (ASFC 85-9-D2).

Vice-Dean Dicks asked that SCOL C290³, page 3, be corrected to SCOL C390³.

It was noted that SCOL C271 appears twice in the report, once as a 6-credit course and once as a 3-credit course. The text was corrected to indicate that it is six credits.

The motion to adopt Addendum II to Report 49U was voted on and carried.

c) Slot Course Descriptions (ASFC 85-9-D3)

Vice-Dean Dicks noted that the report on slot courses was an information item and would not be sent to Senate. He asked to have a correction made on page 1 under Library Studies saying that the department considered the first requirement impossible to implement and wished, instead, to retain the standard statement. The first paragraph was deleted.

85-9-11

It was moved and seconded (Dicks/Doughty) to approve the report on Slot Course Descriptions (ASFC 85-9-D3).

Vote: Carried

8. Elections Policies and Procedures (ASFC 85-9-D5, ASFC 85-9-D6)

The Chairperson explained that the item on Elections Policies and Procedures derived from two separate circumstances: 1) the restructuring of the Faculty; and 2) an expressed dissatisfaction over the past two or three years about voting procedures in the Arts and Science Faculty.

85-9-12

It was moved and seconded (Sahni/Gray) to receive the report on Elections Policies and Procedures (ASFC 85-9-D6).

The discussion that followed centered on the method of voting to be used. Three methods were proposed in the report.

One member, who was in favour of method #2, wished to amend the statement to include the notion that ballots would be spoiled unless all candidates were ranked. That argument was countered with the suggestion that voters need not rank all candidates but that the numbering sequence must not be broken.

A number of members spoke in favour of the third option and it was suggested that a computer programme be devised as an aid in counting ballots.

85-9-13

Prof. Oppenheim called the question of the motion to receive the report.

Vote: Carried

85-9-14

It was moved and seconded (Gilsdorf/Waters) to adopt method 3# Transferable Voting.

Vote: Carried

The Chairman said that he would look into the possibility of using computers to facilitate the counting of ballots.

It was agreed that the method of voting ought to be attached to the call for nominations.

9. Restructuring of Senate and Standing Committees of Senate (ASFC 85-9-D5, D6, US-85-6-D6, US-85-6-D7)

Dean Bertrand asked that a correction be made to document ASFC 85-9-D6: to replace the word "percentage" in the sentence under Section B with "number".

a) Restructuring of Senate

Dean Bertrand suggested that comparison of the proposed composition of Senate with the current membership (ASFC 85-9-D6) be made to determine which items are acceptable to Council and those which are not and then to formulate motions to be forwarded to Senate.

A student representative read a motion which was passed unanimously by the CUSA Board of Directors on October 8th: "Be it resolved that the CUSA Board of Directors affirms that the present proportion of undergraduate student representatives be preserved on Senate regardless of the final recomposition of Senate and that a letter to this effect be sent to the Secretary of Senate and the four Faculty Councils."

Two other motions were read which were passed unanimously by the Academic Council representing the Arts and Science Student Departmental Associations on October 18th: 1) "Be it resolved that the Academic council is vehemently opposed to the reduction of the proportion of student representation on any University body in general, and in particular with regards to the University Senate; 2) be it resolved that the Academic Council requests the support of the Arts and Science Faculty Council in rejecting the reduction in the proportion of student representation on Senate as outlined in Senate Document US-85-6-D7".

85-9-15

It was moved and seconded (Lifshitz/Gray) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends to Senate that no matter what the new structure of Senate the proportion of undergraduate students on that body remain the same (28.8%).

During the discussion that followed which dealt with the proportional representation of students overall and the relative

proportion of graduate students, Council was urged to examine the proportional representation of the other constituencies before voting on the motion on the floor.

85-9-16

It was moved and seconded (Valaskakis/Crysler) to table the motion for twenty minutes.

Vote: Carried

An examination of the proportional representation of the three elements that make up the membership of Senate, administrators, faculty and students, was made as it was structured last year, is now, and as proposed.

Concern was expressed over the academic direction the University is taking, the quality of the business of Senate, and the fact that it is becoming more and more a minor administrative body and that the proposal is a step in the wrong direction.

It was said that Senate is the highest academic body and that its composition should reflect that fact. However, given the increase in the number of administrators in the proposal, it might be said that the trend is to move away from being an academic institution to being just an institution which just happens to deal with academics.

The suggestion was made that Senate might adopt the structure adopted by the Board of Governors and give Vice-Rectors seats but not voting privileges.

85-9-17

It was moved and seconded (Valaskakis/Gray) to bring the motion (85-9-15) back on the table.

Vote: Carried

Lipsitz
Ms. Lipsitz and Mr. Gray agreed to withdraw the motion.

85-9-18

It was moved and seconded (Maag/Crysler) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council records its opposition to the proposed restructuring of Senate.

Vote: Carried (Unanimous)

85-9-19

It was moved and seconded (Sellers/Oppenheim) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council endorses a reduction in the number of Senators.

Vote: Carried (Unanimous)

85-9-20 It was moved and seconded (Hill/Sellers) that to reaffirm the character of Senate as the University's highest academic body, Faculty Council recommends that the previous proportional representation of faculty and students be maintained.

Vote: Carried (Unanimous)

85-9-21 It was moved and seconded (Waters/Pallen) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends to Senate that the following structure be considered: 10 faculty representatives from the Faculty of Arts and Science; 10 faculty representatives from the other three Faculties; 10 administrators; and 14 students.

An amendment to the motion to divide the student representation to 12 undergraduate students and 2 graduate students was withdrawn because there were no graduate students present at the meeting.

The motion (85-9-21) was carried unanimously.

85-9-22 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Waters) that Faculty Council propose that the seats for the administrators be for:

The Rector
The Vice-Rector, Academic
The Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research)
Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Administration
Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
Dean Faculty of Fine Arts
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
Dean of Graduate Studies
2 Vice-Deans, Faculty of Arts and Science

Vote: Carried

Further, it was suggested that should the positions of Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research) and Dean of Graduate Studies be combined into one in the future, the open position be assigned to the Director of Libraries.

b) Standing Committees of Senate

85-9-23 It was moved and seconded (Sahni/Pallen) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends that, rather than restrict membership of Senate committees to Senators, Senate establish a minimum number of outside members for all committees except Steering Committee.

Vote: Carried

85-9-24 It was moved and seconded (Hill/Byers) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends the retention of the Senate Library Committee.

Vote: Carried

85-9-25 It was moved and seconded (Maag/Sahni) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends that outside members on all Senate Committees have three-year terms.

Vote: Carried

85-9-26 It was moved and seconded (Knitter/Van Breevoort) that the Arts and Science Faculty Council recommends to Senate that the members of Senate committees be permitted to elect the Chair of that committee.

Vote: Carried

85-9-27 It was moved and seconded (Waters/Crysler) that an appropriate committee of Senate include in its mandate the consideration of the academic implications of space allocation.

Vote: Carried (Unanimous)

10. Other Business

No other business was raised.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on December 6, 1985.

12. Adjournment

85-9-28 The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. (Pallen/Oppenheim).